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COVER NOTE

7.2 eHMSEG Chairs report on the CEN International patient summary

1. Issue at stake

For the eHealth Network to acknowledge and endorse the eHMSEG recommendation.

The eHMSEG Chair would recommend the following to the eHealth Network:

CEN International patient summary (IPS) Guidelines should be used as a reference for the preparation of the next versions of the eHDSI patient summary datasets and as guidance for further improvement of the eHDSI CDA IGs. Direct use of the CEN IPS standard EN 17269:2019 as part of the eHDSI artefacts cannot be endorsed by the eHMSEG at this moment, but this might be re-evaluated in the future.

2. Summary

On 29 November 2019 the eHealth Network decided that the work should continue to clarify the processes and impact of alignment with IPS: reuse of the IPS datasets in the eHealth Network PS guidelines, eHDSI tools and fees, impact on Core Services and national infrastructures.

A questionnaire was prepared by the Semantic TF and distributed to all Member States in March 2020, in order to aid them in this investigation and to assess the capabilities achieved by the Member States in the course of implementing patient summaries in eHDSI. Preliminary analysis of the answers received by the end of May was presented in the eHMSEG meeting in June 2020. Following the presentation, a more detailed analysis was performed by the eHMSEG Semantic TF.

The results of the analysis were presented in the eHMSEG meeting on 20 October 2020. The eHMSEG recommendation were built on the following key points:

- The IPS datasets do not appear to be significantly more difficult to implement for Member States preparing to launch eHDSI services than the currently available eHDSI PS dataset. Not all optional sections can be currently implemented by all Member States, and some deficiencies have been identified with the availability of data related to mandatory sections, for both types of datasets.
- The current CDA implementations of the eHealth Network PS guidelines already fulfil the requirements of the IPS dataset to a high degree. Full IPS conformance would require only relatively small changes in the CDA implementation guide (IG).
- For Member States that are already running routine operations or that have already made significant progress in their deployment activities, changes in the CDA IGs would require considerable efforts to be spent on implementation and testing.
- Member States implementations are based on the CDA IGs, not on direct use of the eHealth Network guidelines and/or the CEN IPS specification. The licencing and

management model that would stem from the direct use of CEN IPS would bring additional overhead to the management of the eHDSI.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For information